Development of defunct airports

*118. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to engage private hands to develop defunct airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre has prepared a supportive regulatory framework to address the key concerns of private players in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has already started work for the development of such a defunct airport Jharsuguda in Orissa under the above plan; and

(f) if so, the details of progress made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has not declared any of its airport as defunct Airport. Further, presently, there is no proposal for engaging private hands for development of non-operational Airports of AAI.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) Jharsuguda Airport is one of the non-operational airports. AAI has engaged M/s RITES, to carry out a feasibility study to consider operationalisation of this airport. Accordingly, a Master Plan has been prepared and land requirement of 815 acres has been projected to the State Government of Orissa under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Initiation of work is, *inter-alia*, subject to response of the State Government.

Decision of Gujarat Contract Labour Law

*119. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the State Government of Gujarat Contract Labour Board's decision taken in the year 2001 in the matter of General Motors who were authorized to employ contract labour with a condition that workers will be paid wages *i.e.* basic, DA and other allowances as well as other facilities such as uniform, shoes, socks, canteen, bonus, leave benefits, etc. similar to permanent workers; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the contractual workers at Mehsana, Ahmedabad, Ankleshwar and Vadodara Assets are not paid wages and other facilities as mentioned above in spite of clear-cut order of the Labour & Employment Department, Government of Gujarat, dated 16th July 2002?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) does not engage contract workers directly for its